

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-30 are presently pending; and Claims 1, 3-5, and 8-30 are amended by the present amendment.

The changes to the claims address cosmetic matters of form and correct minor informalities. No new matter is added.

The outstanding Official action rejected Claims 1-30 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph; and indicated Claims 1-30 are reciting allowable subject matter.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the courtesy of the interview conducted on May 1, 2007 between Applicants' representatives and the Examiner. During the interview, Applicants discussed the features recited in Claim 1 with respect to Applicants' Figures 3-7. The Examiner suggested amending the claims to refine the recited claim terminology. Claim amendments discussed during the interview are incorporated herein.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph be withdrawn.

If the Examiner believes any additional formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned, by telephone, at the Examiner's convenience.

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Consequently, in view of the present response, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


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